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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

KURDS INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST GOVERNMENT FORCES: DURING THE PAST WEEK, THE KURDS HAVE INTENSIFIED GUERRILLA ATTACKS AGAINST IRAQI GOVERNMENT FORCES. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN AN ABSENCE OF MAJOR BATTLES, LOCALIZED CLASHES HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD AND VIOLENT. KURDISH TROOPS HAVE RELIED UPON ARTILLERY SHELLING, LAND MINES, AND SMALL ARMS ATTACKS TO HARASS THE ENEMY, INTERDICT SUPPLY LINES, AND DEMORALIZE THE IRAQI FORCES. THIS TYPE ACTIVITY HAS CAUSED SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES OF GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT AND HAS PROVIDED THE KURDS WITH RENEWED STOCKS OF CAPTURED ENEMY ARMS. ALTHOUGH IRAQI AIR ACTIVITY HAS CONTINUED, REPORTS INDICATE THAT DETERIORATING WEATHER IS FORCING THE AIR FORCE TO DECREASE ITS LEVEL OF SUPPORT.

IRAQI MILITARY CIRCLES CONTINUE TO CRITICIZE THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR, THE SHORTAGE OF AMMUNITION, AND THE BAATHIST REGIME'S ISSUANCE OF MILITARY ORDERS WHICH THE ARMY CANNOT IMPLEMENT. DISSATISFACTION AMONG MILITARY PERSONNEL HAS RESULTED IN A NUMBER OF DESERTIONS AND INSTANCES OF INSUBORDINATION, WITH MORE PREDICTED AS A RESULT OF EXPECTED WINTER GUERRILLA ACTIVITY.

MEXICO SEVERS RELATIONS WITH CHILE: MEXICO HAS BROKEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. "WE HAVE DECIDED TO END OUR RELATIONS WITH CHILE," A MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID. RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD COOLED SINCE THE CHILEAN MILITARY COUP THAT OVERTHREW

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